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'Snow Assist' helps Kentuckians dig out

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Kentucky Army National Guard members worked a total of 1,203 active duty days during "Operation Snow Assist" Jan. 19 through 25.

Governor Julian Carroll called up members of the 198th Military Police Battalion after receiving a request for help from Louisville Mayor William Stansbury. The MP's aided Louisville police in patrolling areas inaccessible in patrol cars and also helped the Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services ambulances, clearing stranded cars and escorting engines on their runs. The MP's had over 225 persons on duty for four days.

Other units in Louisville with several Guardsmen activated were the 306th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company and Headquarters and Headquarters Battery of XXIII Corps Artillery. The Louisville Guardsmen were deactivated at the end of their working day Jan. 22.

In eastern Kentucky Guard members from the 201st Engineer Battalion and their companies in Ashland, Olive Hill, Jackson, Carlisle and Cynthiana helped dig out cities and small communities so that essential services could be resumed. Many Guardsmen also helped in the distribution of food and medicine to isolated areas.

Other units helping in the recovery were from Ravenna and Springfield. These troops were phased down each day as the snow was cleared or started to thaw, until the last people were deactivated Jan. 25.

Adjutant General Billy G. Wellman noted that he was extremely pleased with the performance of Kentucky Guard units. He said "We are not equipped to cope with such a large snowfall but did an excellent job with the equipment available."

Following on the heels of the large snowfall came blizzard conditions on the evening of Jan. 25. These conditions brought new problems that were not otherwise experienced during the previous week. Temperatures were near zero with winds up to 40 miles per hour.

The Governor made all units of the Kentucky Guard available if needed, and activated a Guard command post in the EOC in Frankfort. The action would be labeled

"Operation Snow Assist Number 2."

Up to 589 Guardsmen were on duty at one time during this second operation, providing assistance to 89 counties in the

Commonwealth. Almost all units were providing several types of emergency assistance until Feb. 3. A total of 2,675 (see "Snow Assist" on page 3)



National Guard MPs assist the Emergency Medical Services Center in Louisville. Guard vehicles brought out patients where ambulances could not travel because of the snow and ice. Similar activity occurred across the state. (Photo by SP5 Joseph Haydon)

Air Guardsmen deploy to Norway

Members of the Kentucky Air National Guard left Feb. 26 to spend two weeks in Norway. The Guardsmen were from the 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

The Kentucky unit deployed 18 RF-4 reconnaissance aircraft from their base at Stanford Field to Sola, Norway as part of a short-term tactical deployment program.

The Kentucky unit is one of three squadrons in the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, which includes units in Reno, Nevada and Boise, Idaho. Approximately 280 Air Guard members are participating in this exercise with 210 of them from the Kentucky squadron.

The Air Guard pilots deployed non-stop enroute with seven aerial refuelings from Strategic Air Command KC-135 Strato-

tankers. Airlift of maintenance and support personnel was provided by Military Airlift Command aircraft. A Tactical Air Command EC-135 tactical deployment and control aircraft directed the movement of the Kentucky Guard aircraft across the Atlantic Ocean.

The short-term tactical deployments, which started in August 1975, familiarize U.S. based forces with unique aspects of operations outside the continental United States. The Kentucky Air Guard will also furnish personnel for another deployment in a few months in the Mediterranean.

Kentucky Adjutant General Billy G. Wellman noted that these assignments again show the readiness posture of the Kentucky Air National Guard unit.

Council ends youth summer camp

The summer youth camps that have been conducted annually since 1974 by the Kentucky National Guard Youth Activities Council will not be held in 1978.

Capt. Larry L. Arnett, President of the Council, said there were two primary reasons for the cancellation. Unit commanders felt that they could not continue to meet their quota of youth attendees, and they expressed a desire to spend locally-raised monies on local activities, without having to feed it into a central treasury and make formal application to the Council's directors.

The council was organized in 1971 and one of its articles of incorporation says that the group is to "organize, operate and maintain without charge a camp during summer months for boys in all Kentucky counties who, because of financial limitations, would be unable to attend camp."

Funds for the camp and other youth-related activities have been derived from major events such as the annual Bean Soup Fest held in Louisville and the Ashland Area Volleyball and Table Tennis Tournament sponsored by the 201st Engineer Battalion. These two events usually result in approximately \$3,500 being added yearly to the Council's treasury. Nearly 20 other units throughout the state also hold fund-raising events in order to support both the camp and other youth activities.

According to Maj. Richard H. Jett, Treasurer of the Council, an awareness of the Council's programming support has grown and he has seen an increase in monetary requests. As a general rule nearly half of the units who donate monies to the Council treasury in turn make requests to the Board at a later date for monies to support local programs.

Chairman of the current Board is SSgt. Carole Crawley of Louisville. Other members are 1st Lt. James I. Terry of Lawrenceburg, 2nd Lt. Dave Robertson of Lexington and MSgt. V. S. Van Arsdale of Louisville. Adjutant General Billy Wellman has asked the Board and Officers to retain their positions and continue to handle the financial affairs of the Council.

General Wellman said, "The public relations concept behind the annual summer camp is a creditable method for the Guard to show their interest in Ken-

tucky's underprivileged youth. Consequently, I have asked the Board and Officers to explore additional methods of raising monies for this and the other fine programs the Council supports.

Captain Arnett said General Wellman has also asked the group to work with other state agencies such as the Department for Human Resources to find ways deserving youth can be identified who

would benefit from the camp experience. Other plans call for studying state and federal grant possibilities as a means of providing more funds for Council programming.

Captain Arnett said all units will continue to have an annual fund raising activity but will keep and spend the monies received on local youth activities. He has asked for a report of these activities by mid-fall of this year.

Davidson named Deputy AG

Taylor L. Davidson, former State Director of Selective Service and Kentucky Air Guardsman, has been appointed by Gov. Julian Carroll to serve as Deputy Adjutant General, effective March 1. Davidson will also be promoted from the rank of colonel to brigadier general.

He served as State Director of Selective Service for almost 10 years, including the Vietnam War period. Upon the deactivation of the draft, he was transferred to his most recent position on the staff of national headquarters of the Selective Service System.

Davidson is a graduate of the University of Kentucky. He began his military career in 1942 with the Army Air Corps and was promoted through the ranks from private to first sergeant serving in the Pacific Theater.

He was then commissioned in the Kentucky National Guard in 1947 and transferred to the Kentucky Air Guard in 1952, serving in grades from captain through colonel. He also served through

this period as an advisor to the Adjutant General in utilization of the National Guard for state emergencies.



Brig. Gen. Taylor L. Davidson

Annual training plans announced

Virtually all annual training plans are now complete, according to Lt. Col. Harold O. Loy, who heads the training activities for the Kentucky Army National Guard.

Current plans have the majority of the Air Guard units travelling to Savannah, Ga. July 8-22, according to Maj. Richard Jett, the Air Guard's executive support staff officer. He noted that 210 Air Guardsmen traveled to Sola, Norway to participate in a two-week deployment exercise called "Coronet Snipe." Other Air Guard members will participate in another deployment in the Mediterranean area.

The majority of Army Guard units will be pulling AT from July 7-23 at Camp Shelby, Miss. The encampment will include State HHD, 202d Army Band, 470th Med. Det., 201st Eng. Bn., 207th Eng. Co., HHD 198th MP Bn., 232d MP Co., 438th MP Co., 614th MP Co., HHC 149th Armor Bde., 2nd Bn 123d Armor, 1st Bn 149th Inf, 303d GS Co., and 471st Med Det.

Two other camps will be held at Shelby

on other dates. The 441st Med Det will train from June 3-17 and 1st Bn 123d Armor and 307 Maint Co will take part from July 14-30.

Two Army Guard units have been selected to participate in overseas camps in Germany. The Jackson unit will be in Germany Aug. 5-19 and the Monticello Artillery unit will be there from May 27 through June 11.

Fort Bragg, N.C. will host several units from June 16 through July 1. The list includes HHB 138th FA Group, 1st Bn 623d FA, 2d Bn 138th FA, 203d Gen Supply Co and 413th Maint Co.

Other locations include Tobyhanna Army Depot Penn., May 7-20 for the 130th Maint Co. and Ft. Drum, N.Y. for HHB XXIII Corps Arty. HHC 103d S&S Bn will participate in an Army exercise at Fort Carson, Colo. The Kentucky Military Academy will train June 10-24 at Fort Knox. The following units will participate in year-round training: 306th Maint Co., 2113th Maint Co., 2123d Trans Co. and 475th Cbt Spt Hospital.

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Guardmen clean city streets in Grayson so normal activity can be resumed. Later they would aid the community by providing water services after a train derailment near Leon contaminated the water system. (Photo courtesy Grayson Journal-Enquirer)

'Snow Assist' helps

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man-days were worked by Guardsmen, costing approximately \$112,350. Guardsmen from 50 to 60 units in the state were activated during this period.

The Guard's aviation section flew 34 missions during the "Snow Assist" period. Several of these missions were emergency-type medical evacuations.

A number of Guardsmen from the 201st Engineer Battalion would not be

finished with their job when the snow emergency ended. A train derailment near Leon caused Guardsmen to be requested to provide water for two communities in northeastern Kentucky, Grayson and Greenup, when their water systems were endangered by chemicals that leaked into the Little Sandy River from the derailment. Through Feb. 8 the train derailment had cost \$7,308 and Guardsmen had worked 174 man-days.

Team recruiting experiment begins

Capt. Elmo Head, state recruiting and retention officer, is trying a new concept in recruiting in the Commonwealth. With what he calls the "team" effort, a team of recruiters will spend several weeks in an area where the Guard unit is low in strength. Hopefully, they will bring the unit up to full strength.

The first try at the "team" effort began March 1 in the Harrodsburg area. Recruiters hope to enlist up to 71 people.

Captain Head explained that several

Plate sales high

Applications for National Guard license plates appear to be running ahead of last year, according to a sample of units across the state. Company C of the 201st Engineer Battalion, in Jackson, has almost doubled its requests from last year; the 438th Military Police, in Louisville, has approved 17 more applications than last year.

In Central City, the 307th Maintenance has approved 25 applications and expects to double that amount. All technicians agreed that if the Bill before the current session of the legislature passes allowing plates for pickup trucks and vans, their applications will be much higher.

At press time, passage of that legislation was virtually assured.

counties may be worked in the target area. For example, the Danville unit is in good shape, so some Boyle Counties may be recruited for the Harrodsburg unit. He noted that these recruiting drives should draw a large amount of support from the communities.

"After all," he said, "if the unit stays low in strength very long, the community might lose it to an area that wants a Guard unit." Kentucky Adjutant General Billy Wellman has warned commanders that he will move Guard units if their strength stays too low for an extended period.

As many as six full-time recruiters will work the Harrodsburg area during March. Several members of the local unit will also donate time to help recruit for their unit.

The recruiters hope that a new ruling permitting payment of high school seniors for 90 days prior to graduation will help bring several young members into the Guard.

Captain Head noted that these young people can enlist and go to basic training and then be trained in a vocation of their choice and return to be a more productive and valuable citizen in the community.

Will the "team" effort work? If it is successful, Captain Head says other regions of the state will be canvassed in a similar manner.

Education funds begin moving

Tuition funds have again begun to flow from the National Guard Educational Encouragement Fund, but not all applicants may receive funds, according to a spokesman for the Board that administers the fund.

All available funds were quickly allocated during the fall 1977 term, but Gov. Julian Carroll added \$35,000 to the account. That amount enabled the Board to meet most application requests for the fall term and to begin approving requests for the spring 1978 term.

However, the spokesman said, the funds may not cover all requests. Accordingly, a priority system has been implemented. Under the system, all officers and full-time technicians will be considered at the end of the term and will receive funds that are available.

Beginning with the fall 1978 term, all applications will have to be submitted by a pre-determined date and will be considered at one time. All applications received after the cut-off date will be denied funds.

At press time legislation expanding the tuition program had passed both houses of the General Assembly and awaited the governor's signature. Under the Bill, students attending private four-year colleges and universities in Kentucky, as well as most private vocational and business schools will become eligible for assistance. A maximum of \$250 per term or \$500 per year per person will be granted.

An annual budget of about \$200,000 is anticipated.

New fitness test set for AT period

A new physical fitness test will be administered to Guardsmen this year, according to Lt. Col. Armando Alfaro, state fitness coordinator.

The semi-annual PT test, which involved push-ups, sit-ups, and other exercises, has been replaced by a test which will be given annually during the second week of annual training.

Colonel Alfaro stated that the new test will be easier in some ways but harder in others. Each person must complete a measured four-mile march in an elapsed time of one hour or less. The rules also require wearing full combat gear. A score of 90 per cent will be given for finishing the four miles in an hour and other scoring will total up to 100 per cent for finishing the miles in 40 minutes.

Appropriate awards will be given for outstanding individual achievement and also for unit competition at the state level by the Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

IG commends four after inspections

More than 40 units of the Kentucky Army National Guard have undergone I.G. inspections since the first of the year, according to Col. Thomas Murphy, chief of staff.

He has received 27 reports of these units and four have received recommendations for commendation from the Fifth Army Inspector General's Office. These units were 413th Maintenance Company, Frankfort; Battery C, 623d Field Artillery, Monticello; Battery C, 138th FA of Bardstown and Service Battery of the 623d FA from Springfield.

Colonel Murphy says he expects more units to be commended. This is the first year in several years that Fifth Army chose to inspect all Kentucky Army Guard units. Usually only a few units are inspected by Fifth Army and the other units are done by a State Headquarters I.G. team.

Colonel Murphy explained that this year's inspections were very thorough and so far only two units have not received satisfactory scores. Those units will be rescheduled for inspection within 90 days. The inspections will continue through late April when the final unit to be inspected will be State Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment.



SFC William McClure, of London, left, and Sgt. Michael Carden, of Mayfield, discuss communications problems during a computerized exercise at Bowling Green. Elements of the 149th Armor Brigade joined Reservists, Army and Air Force personnel in the project. (Photo by SP5 Jerry Wright)

Academy takes OCS class applications

The Kentucky Military Academy is now accepting applications for the next OCS class. Lt. Col. Jerry Heaton, KMA commandant, said that tentative enrollment figures should be established by March 15, and final applications must arrive at the Academy by May 1.

Colonel Heaton went on to explain that applications are processed in accordance with NGR 351-5 and Ky NGR 351-5 for ARNG personnel, and AR 351-5 for USAR members. The Academy has an orientation team available for visits to units upon requests.

The current Academy class will graduate on June 17 with the next class starting on May 20 with an orientation weekend assembly at Fort Knox. During Phase I of the program, candidates will attend annual

training at Fort Knox June 3-17. More information can be obtained by contacting Capt. Clyde Wiseman or SFC Curt Hurler at 502-564-7800.

Seals drive set

April 1 has been designated as the date that Kentucky Army National Guardsmen will donate their time for the 1978 Easter Seal Drive. Col. Edward H. Milburn, project officer, stated that 1977 was a record year when Guardsmen collected \$125,300 to aid the society for crippled children. The highest unit total last year was \$14,500, raised by the 130th Light Equipment Maintenance Company in northern Kentucky.

Technician position

The following full-time technician position openings have been announced and applications will be accepted until the closing date noted.

Army Guard

- * Warehouseman, WG-06, USFPFO, Frankfort (17 March)
- * Warehouseman, WG-04/05/06 UTES No. 2, Greenville (13 March)
- * Command Administrative Assistant, GS-10, 475th Med Hospital, Frankfort (24 March)
- * Operations & Training Specialist, GS-09, 475th Med Hospital, Frankfort (8 April)
- * General Supply Assistant, GS-05, Boone NG Center, Frankfort (24 March)

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